

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasushi NOGUCHI et al.

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Docket No.: 127001

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING HONEYCOMB FORMED BODY, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING HONEYCOMB FILTER, AND HONEYCOMB FILTER

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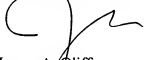
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above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for
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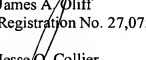
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EXHIBIT A

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